GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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FOODGRAINS ROTTING IN GODOWNS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether large quantity of wheat rotted in the godowns of Food Corporation of India (FCI) has become unfit for consumption even by animals had to be poured into the sea to dispose it of;

(b) if so, whether this is due to the fact that the stocks arriving earlier get stuck due to constraint of space in the godowns and the stocks arriving later are lifted for distribution;

(c) if so, whether the Government proposes to issue directions to the employees of FCI to adhere to the principle of `first arrived, first lifted`;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): During 2004-05, only 11,713 MT of wheat had become damaged, i.e. unfit for human consumption in the FCI godowns out of which 2098 MT was earmarked for dumping. This is a negligible quantity, as compared to the massive operations of wheat during the year. Damaged stocks of foodgrains are categorized as fit for feed categories and others. Feed category foodgrains are disposed of for cattle/poultry feed. No stock of foodgrains is thrown into the sea by the FCI.

(b) & (c): In the matter of off-take of foodgrains from the godowns of the FCI, the principle of `FIFO` (first in, first out) is already in place and is being followed, except due to operational and logistic factors.

(d) & (e): Do not arise.